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1. On 16 May a shipment of 17 cases was loaded aboard small landing craft at the former Japanese Naval School wharf at Whampoa. During the loading, the area was blocked off and several Russian technicians supervised the job. These supplies were mines for use along the southern Kwangtung coast.
2. The plan for mining will include all naval ports on the Kwangtung-Fukien coast where water depth surveys have been going on the past three months. As the surveying has been done, the mines can be laid within 30 days under Soviet supervision. Humen, Amoy, and the Liuchou Peninsula are among important areas to be mined.
3. The Whampoa Dockyard has been very active in shipbuilding in recent weeks. Twelve motor vessels finished with steel plate armor left Whampoa on 17 and 18 May.

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